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SUBJECT: CANCELLED TREASURY CHECKS OF BOUNCHANH CHANTHALIMA
AND NONGLUX KANTHACHA

REF: VIENTIANE 214, CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION LETTER TO
BOUNCHANH CHANTHALIMA DATED 1/15/76; CSD LETTER TO
NONGLUX KANTHACHA DATED 1/19/76, USIA 2595

1. BOUNCHANH CHANTHALIMA (SEE VIENTIANE 214) AND NONGLUX
KANTHACHA BOTH RECEIVE TREASURY BENEFIT CHECKS MONTHLY.
COUNCHANH IS SPOUSE OF FORMER USIS EMPLOYEE, NOW DECEASED,
AND NONGLUX IS SPOUSE OF FORMER EMBASSY MAIL ROOM EMPLOYEE,
NOW DECEASED. BECAUSE OUR OLD EMPLOYEE RECORDS HAVE BEEN
TANKEN OUT OF VIENTIANE, WE ARE UNAWARE OF EXACT NATURE
OF BOUNCHANH'S BENEFIT. HOWEVER, EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CONFIRMS NONGLUX RECEIVED FIRST
LUMP SUM DEATH BENEFIT PAYMENT IN MAY 1975 AND HAS RECEIVED
MONTHLY BENEFIT CHECKS EVER SINCE. TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, SHE
ENTITLED TO THESE CHECKS X AS WIDOW FOR
REST OF HER LIFE. MONTHLY CHECK FOR BOUNCHANH CHANTHALIMA
IS 129 DOLLARS U.S. AND FOR
NONGLUX KANTHACHA IS 176 DOLLARS U.S.

2. CONSULAR SECTION RECEIVED TREASURY CHECKS FOR
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BOUNCHANH AND NONGLUX DECEMBER 18 AND BOTH PICKED UP THEIR

CHECKS. NO CHECK FOR EITHER WAS RECEIVED IN JANUARY. BOTH BOUNCHANH CHANTHALIMA AND NONG LUX KANTHACHA INSTEAD RECEIVED LETTERS FROM E. JONES, CHIEF, SASS, U.S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (LETTERS REFERENCED ABOVE) TO EFFECT THAT THEIR JANUARY CHECKS WERE RETURNED AND CANCELLED. MR. JONES ASKS WHY THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN.

3. NEITHER EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION NOR BENEFICIARIES EVER RECEIVED JANUARY CHECK. EMBASSY MAIL ROOM HAS NO RECORD TO SHOW THAT SUCH CHECKS EVER ARRIVED IN VIENTIANE.

4. HOWEVER, ON FEBRUARY 9 EMBASSY RECEIVED TWO TREASURY CHECKS, BOTH DATED FEBRUARY 2, FOR BOUNCHANH CHANTHALIMA AND NONG LUX KANTHACHA. THE CHECK FOR NONG LUX KANTHACHA WAS IN THE AMOUNT 176 DOLLARS U.S. AS USUAL. THE CHECK FOR BOUNCHANH CHANTHALIMA WAS IN THE AMOUNT 427 DOLLARS U.S.. THESE CHECKS WERE MAILED FROM DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, BUREAU OF GOV'T FINANCIAL OPERATIONS, DIVISION OF DISBURSEMENT, P.O. BOX 8670, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60680. THE ENVELOPE WAS ADDRESSED TO THE OLD APO ADDRESS FOR EMBASSY VIENTIANE (APO SAN FRANCISCO 96352) RATHER THAN THE APO ADDRESS WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE JULY, 1975 (APO SAN FRANCISCO 96346, BOX V).

5. FOR DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: PLEASE ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN WHO CANCELLED AND RETURNED JANUARY CHECKS AND WHY AND INFORM US. (JANUARY CHECKS MAY HAVE BEEN RETURNED BECAUSE THEY WERE MISADDRESSED TO OLD APO NUMBER.) IT APPEARS THAT BOTH CHECKS SHOULD BE RE-ISSUED AND SENT TO EMBASSY VIENTIANE.

6. FOR AMEMBASSY BANGKOK: PLEASE CHECK WITH MAIL ROOM TO SEE IF JANUARY TREASURY CHECKS FOR EMBASSY VIENTIANE WERE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON IN ERROR INSTEAD OF BEING POUCHED TO VIENTIANE.
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